

# Tree of Heaven

*Ailanthus altissima*



## General Description:

- Tree: A fast-growing clonal tree, up to 80' tall
- Leaves: Big, with many leaflets (10-41); smooth edges; **bad smell when crushed**; leaflets have 1-5 teeth at base
- Stem: Smooth gray/chestnut bark that resembles cantaloupe skin as it ages
- Flowers: Small yellow-green clusters
- *Tree of Heaven supports invasive spotted lanternfly*

## Prominent Features:

- Foul-smelling leaves, twigs, and (male) flowers
- Fruit: Samara (flat, papery, winged fruit)
- **Thumb-like glandular teeth at base of leaf**, no other serrations

## How to Remove:

- Pull small plants by hand; remove **entire** root system.
- No manual-only option for large trees

## Look Alikes: Sumac, Ash, Hickory, and Walnut species

- Do not have rotten/burnt smell
- May have serrated leaves; Tree of Heaven **does not**



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